

Under his leadership, the U.S. News and World Report and Princeton Review have recognized UCM as one of the best universities in the Midwest for the first time in university history. And, UCM provides this exceptional education at low cost, ranking first in the Midwest in low student debt. These accolades, combined with an ever increasing job placement rate for UCM graduates, are evidence of Dr. Podolefsky's sustained commitment to the University.

Madam Speaker, I wish Dr. Podolefsky the best of luck in his future career at Buffalo State College and thank him for his dedication to the University of Central Missouri. Together with his wife Ronnie and sons, Noah and Isaac, Dr. Podolefsky will be missed and his mark on UCM will be felt for years to come.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
TODD KLEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MA-
RINE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Todd Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Todd's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Todd brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Todd attained an impressive grade point average. Todd was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in the Scholastic Bowl, and a member of the Envirothon Team.

Throughout high school, Todd was a member of the soccer and track teams, earning varsity letters in both events. Todd was active in the community by being a 4-H member, Junior Leader, member of the Junior Fair Board, and a Boy Scout. Todd also participated in the marching and pep bands. I am confident that Todd will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Todd Kleman on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Todd will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF
SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

I interviewed Master Sergeant Darrell Crews who retired from the Army with over twenty years of service and became a high school Army JROTC instructor. Master Sergeant Darrell Crews served in Infantry, Armor, and combat support during his career in the Army. He served in conflicts such as Vietnam and Desert Storm, seeing combat in both. He was also deployed in several other countries in the Middle East and was even stationed at a base in Germany. After serving he used the G.I. Bill to receive payment for college to become further educated. With his prior knowledge and experience with the military he is able to influence students to strive for their best in what they believe and that education is an important gift that should be sought after by all students. My interview with Master Sergeant Darrell Crews showed me how military service affects someone and that the skills gained throughout his career can be used to help others in their lives. Also, just like ordinary people, NCO's and officers have to use teamwork in order to make things happen which is one thing that Master Sergeant Crews truly believes in.—Eric Parker.

HONORING NASSAU SUFFOLK LAW
SERVICES FOR THEIR EXTRA-
ORDINARY WORK IN THE COM-
MUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with Nassau Suffolk Law Services are admirable.

I am proud to honor Nassau Suffolk Law Services for their extraordinary work in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 26, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 221–223. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 221: "Yes"—Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building.

Rollcall No. 222: "Yes"—Celebrating the life of Sam Houston on the 217th anniversary of his birth.

Rollcall No. 223: "Yes"—Steve Goodman Post Office Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall 221, 222, and 223. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 221, 222, and 223.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
RICHARD SNYDER ON HIS OFFER
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Richard Snyder of McClure, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.